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EDITORIAL

The Retiring Staff. It has been a severe task for most of us to accustom ourselves to the mixing up of business and journalism with our mechanics and design in order to produce this second number of the Engineer. We are extremely fortunate however in that the new magazine was placed in our guardianship in a realistic and well-organized form and not as a "prospering idea at best" as they found it. We of the new staff appreciate more and more the work of the retiring members as we assume our new duties.

The idea of the establishment of the magazine was fostered several years ago and the break of the Ohio State Engineer into the journalistic world was expected. How our engineering college moved along and class after class graduated without definite steps toward a publication of this kind, long before this time is a puzzling question. History tells of former efforts but fails to produce any specimens of their results. The final conclusions are that the idea must have struck an exceptionally live set of fellows when it struck our former staff. They are that live load which was needed to cause that break into journalism. It was a big job for an Engineer and the rest of us must take off our hats to that group of men who

gave their spare energies to the purpose of establishing a magazine which we hope will be of great benefit to our profession and our college.

The result of the initial break was indeed successful for the magazine was well received and we have found it to be a criterion of a standard, difficult to compete with. It was not only a success from the fact that it was that "individual first copy" but the many compliments passed on it prove its general merits.

Appreciation of their work has been a great incentive to us to continue the good work. There are still many problems before the magazine before it is in a safe zone. As yet it is not self-supporting. These are critical times in its history as the war is attracting much of the interest of our alumni and we have found present advertising possibilities very rare. Our faculty and alumni have been very liberal in their assistance and we ask their future co-operation. This keen interest along with the proper enthusiasm among the engineering students will insure the magazine's future success. We hope our regime will be effective in the future production of a thriving and substantial magazine.

Seniors. As the weather grows warmer and that clean section in the back of your texts gets thinner you can fairly feel the wind blowing that black gown about your ankles and picture your old chum in a mortar-board with an orange tassel. This is the day of all days, but there are times no doubt that you dread the thought of leaving the scene of your last few years of action. While you are in practice or in the service here or over there your thoughts will doubtless return to the old campus where you received your first training in Military and in Engineering. You wonder what is happening to some of your old classmates, if there have been any changes or additions in your department, or if all your old professors are still there. Those are the times when a bit of news direct from the campus has the most value.

We want to be your messenger. We want all of you to let us hear about yourselves and those jobs you will hold. It will be our aim to furnish you with all the Engineering College news at all possible. The Alumni Notes are never cut, but are very rare, so please remember your classmates by helping to fill our Alumni columns.

We wish moreover that in compiling that list of traditions, or ties to your Alma Mater, you would give us a place somewhere near the top. Engineers of '18, you should be leaders among the boosters of the magazine. Now and after the war you should make it a point to receive every copy. Our subscription list is not large at present as it has been only a small percentage of our alumni whom we have been able to connect with. The list of alumni yearly subscriptions should contain every member of each consecutive class. Engineers of '18, start the game, sign for a yearly subscription to the Engineer before leaving school this spring.

The War and the Staff. As we look over the inroads which the war has made into our staff organization, we are inclined to check Sherman in his commentaries on the subject. We will not complain seriously of the matter, however, as we are sure that our contingent for the big fight are doing their bit and exerting the same brand of energy displayed in the magazine work. Prof. Demorest has gone but his name is on the honor list of the Ohio State Engineer, as he was very influential in the establishment of the magazine and still has a fervent interest in it. F. V. Doutt has been drafted and is in training at Camp Sherman. We will surely miss Fred on the staff as he not only kept his department in ship-shape, but was a live worker wherever there was work to do. The man who takes his position will have a high standard to follow.

Our April Articles. Mr. Bailey's timely article on the Coal Problem is quite valuable from engineering and economical standpoints. He treats both our transportation problem and the fine points on coal conservation. Mr. Bailey is a graduate of the class of 1903 and is president of the Bailey Meter Company of Boston, Mass.

Mr. MacDowell's article on the Construction of Camp Sherman is quite interesting as it treats of the human engineering side of the construction of the camp. It is gratifying to know that the Human Engineering Congress idea, originated at the University last year, has not been dropped. The University of Illinois is continuing it by holding the Congress in Urbana this year. Mr. MacDowell will probably favor us with an article on the technical sanitary engineering features of the camp, at a later date. He is chief assistant to R. Winthrop Pratt, Consulting Engineer of Cleveland.

Prof. Marquis has given us an excellent description of our Mechanical Engineering Laboratory. This article should not only prove valuable from an engineering standpoint but should hold interest for engineering students as the laboratory is the scene of everyone's labors at some time or other.

Prof. Turnbull's article on the new base map of the state will answer many of the queries concerning what has been going on behind the white curtain in the Junior C. E. drawing room in Brown Hall. The methods used in the making of the map are in many respects altogether new departures.

The article on Electromotive Forces is a valuable contribution to the magazine. The article repeats some of the theories for the purpose of clarifying, but gives some new conclusions at which Dr. Barnett has arrived through personal research. It is desirable that more of the professors offer similar articles, which are results of their research, for publication.

Prof. Morris has recommended engineering societies very highly. Among other bits of advice which the seniors take note of in the next few months we suggest this article for a place in the list. Complaints are continually made of the poor attendance and lack of interest in many of our campus societies. The student engineer should begin at home, he should become active in his college society. There are still many things the engineer must do in order to establish his old, unorganized profession. This question is the one receiving the most discussion among the various engineering organizations and should be discussed by the student so that he will be alive with it on leaving school and thus be able to do his bit for his profession.